

ARTICLES TO BE INQVIRED OF

IN THE VISITATION TO BE HAD
in the byshopricke of Norwyche, now vacant,
in the fourth yere of our most dread souerayn
Lorde Edward the sixte, by the grace of God kynge of
Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, defender of the
faythe, and in earthe of the church of Englande
and also of Irelande, the supreme head, nexte
and immediatly vnder our sauour Christ:
by the moste Reuerend father in God,
Thomas Archebysshop of Cantor-
bery, Prymate of all En-
gland and Me-
tropolitan.

LONDINI,
ANNO DOMINI M. D. XLIX.

Articles to be inquired of.



FIRST, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Kynges maiestee, and his ministers, and to vse charitee & loue, one to an other

Also, whether any preacher or any other person hath affir-

med the kynges maiestee, that now is, not to be a full kyng, or not to haue his full power and auctoritee in al thynges, durynge his tender age, or his subiectes not to be bounde to obey his lawes made in the same age, as well as yf he were xxx. or xl. yeaeres of age.

Item, whether your persones, vicars and curates or mynisters, doo vse onely the Mattins, Euensong, celebration of the Lordes supper, and administration of eche of the Sacramentes, and all other Comon and open praier, in suche order and forme, as is mencioned in the booke of comon praier, of late sette forth in englyshe, and none other, or otherwyle.

ITEM, whether there be any that doo preache, declare or speake any thyng in the derogation or depaunyng of the said booke of common praier, or seruice of this Church of Englande, or against any thyng therein cōteyned, or of any part therof.

Also, whether any person or persons, what soeuer they be, do in any enterludes, plates, songes, rimes, or by any other open wordes, declare or speak

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speake any thyng in the derogation, depꝛauyng,
oꝛ despyſynge the ſayd booke of Seruice.

Item, whether they haue charged fathers and
mothers, maiſters and gouernours of youth, to
bꝛyng theꝝ vp in ſom vertuous ſtudy oꝛ occupatiō

VI.

Item, whether ſuche beneficed men as be lau-
fully abſent from their benefices, doo leaue their
cure to a rude and vnlearned perſone, and not to
an honeſt well learned and experte curate, which
can and wyl teachē you hoſſome doctrine.

VII.

Item, whether they haue prouyded in euery of
theyꝝ cures one booke of the whole Byble of the
largest volume, in Englyſhe, and the Paraphra-
ſis of Craſmus alſo in englyſhe vpon the Goſ-
pelles, and ſette by the ſame in ſome conuenient
place in the Church, where theyꝝ pariſheoners
maye moſte commodiouſely reſoꝛte to the ſame.

VIII.

Item, whether they be common haunters and
reſoꝛters to tauernes oꝛ alehouſes, geuyng them-
ſelues to dꝛynkyng, riottynge, oꝛ playeng at vn-
laufull games, and doo not occupy them ſelues
in the readyng oꝛ hearynge of ſome part of holye
Scripture, oꝛ in ſome other godly exerciſe.

IX.

Item, whether they haue admitted any man
to pꝛeache in their cures, not beyng laufuſly ly-
cenced therunto, oꝛ haue refuſed oꝛ denied ſuch to
pꝛeache, as haue been lycenced accordyngly,

X.

Item, whether they haue heretofore declared
to their pariſhioners any thyng to the extollynge
oꝛ ſettyng foꝛthe of pylgrynages, reſpyces, oꝛ
Images, oꝛ lyghtynge of candelſ, kyſſynge, knee-
ling

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lyng, deckyng of the same Images, or any suche superstition, and haue not openly recanted and reproued the same.

XII. Item, whether they haue one booke or register safely kepte, wherein they write the daye of euery weddyng, chrystenyng, and buryng.

XIII. Item, whether they be resident vpon their benefices, and kepe hospitalitee or no, and if they be absent or kepe no hospitalitee, whether they do make due distribution among the poore parishesoners or not.

XIII. Item, whether all inanner proprietaries, persones, vicars and clerkes, hauyng churches, chappelles, or mansions, doo keepe theyr chauncelles, rectories, and all other howses apperteynyng to theym, in due reparations.

XV. Item, whether they haue counsailed or moued theyr parishoners rather to praise in a tunge not knowen, then in englyshe, or to put theyr trust in any prescribed numbre of prayers, as in saynge ouer a numbre of beades, or other lyke.

XVI. Also, whether they haue bought theyr benefices, or come to them by fraude or deceipte.

XVII. Item, whether they haue geuen open monition to theyr parishoners to detecte and present to their ordinary all adulterers and fornicatours, and suche men as haue two wyues lyuyng, and suche women as haue two husbondes lyuyng, within theyr parishes.

XVIII. Also, whether euery parische haue prouyded a stronge cheste for the poore mens boxe, and sette
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and taitened the same neere to the hygh altare.

Item, whether they haue diligently exhorted XIX.
and moued their parishoners, and specially when
they make theyr testaments, to geue to the layd
pooze mennes boxe, to bestowe the same vppon
the pooze.

Item, whether you knowe any persone within XX.
your paryshe, or els where, that is a letter of the
woorde of God to bee redde in englyshe, or syn-
cerely preached, or of the execution of the kynges
maiestees procedynges in matters of religion.

Item, whether there bee any other grammar XXI.
taught in any schoole within this diocesse, than
that whiche is set forth by the kynges maiestee.

Item, whether any haue wylfully mainteyned XXII.
and defended any heresies, errours, or false opi-
nions contrary to the faithe of Chyste, and holy
Scripture.

Item, whether any haue comnytted adultery, XXIII.
fornication, or incest, or be comunon baudes, and
receyuers of suche euyl persones, or vehement-
ly suspected of any of the premisses.

Item, whether any be braulers, sclanderers, XXIII
chyders, scolders, and lowers of discord betwene
one person and an other.

Item, whether you knowe any that vse char- XXV.
mes, sozcery, enchauntmentes, witchecraft, loth-
sayeng, or any lyke crafte inuented by the diuell.

Item, whether any Inholders or alehoule ke- XXVI.
pers, doo vse commonly to sell meate and drynke
in the tyme of common praier, preachynge, rea-
dyng

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dyng of the Pontilies of scripture. ^{or by any other way}

XXVII.

Item, whether you knowe any executours or administratours of dead mens goodes, whiche doo not duely bestowe suche of the sayd goodes, as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be distributed amonge the pooze people, repay- ryng of high wates, fyndyng of pooze scholers, or maryeng of pooze maydens, or such other lyke charitable dedes.

XXVIII.

Item, whether you knowe any that speaketh agaynst the baptisme of chyldren, or agaynst the holy communion.

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Item, whether ye knowe any that say, that the wickednes of the mynister doothe take away the effecte of Christis sacramentes.

XXX.

Item, whether ye know any that say, that chri- sten men can neuer be allowed to repentaunce, yf they synne voluntarily after baptysme.

XXXI.

Item, whether ye knowe any that affirme all thinges to be common, or that there ought to be no magistrates, gentlemen, or riche menne, in christian realmes.

XXXII.

Item, whether you knowe any that saye, that christian men may not swere, or take an othe be- fore a iudge, or go to lawe one with an other: or maye sweare contrary to the trewthe.

XXXIII

Item, whether ye know any that say, that pri- uate personnes may make insurrections, vp- roys or sebitton: or compell men by forse or feare, to gyue them anye of their goodes.

XXXIII

Item, whether you knowe any that holdeth, that

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that Chyrist dyd not take fleshe and bloude of the blessed virgyne Mary.

Item, whether you knowe any that saye, that. XXXV
Magistrates may not punyshe by death notozi-
ous malefactors, oz vse any compulsion oz warre

Item, whether euery Sondag at the least, you XXXVI.
haue a communion in your parrys church, ac-
cording to the kynges graces booke in that be-
halfe, and if not, in whome is the defaute.

Item, whether your minister doo admitte any XXXVII.
notorious euill lyer to the holy communion be-
foze the amendement of his naughty lyfe, oz any
that is in malyce, befoze reconciliation be had in
that behalfe.

Item, whether in the communion, pzeachyng, XXXVIII.
oz diuine seruite tyme, any iangle, talke, walke
oz otherwyle trouble oz let the same.

Item, whether ones in fyre wekes at the least XXXIX.
your ministers doo here some chyldren saye the
Catechisme openly in the church of the holyday
at after noone befoze Euensonge, according to
the kynges booke in that behalfe.

Item, whether any absent them selues from ser XL.
mons, the readyng of the Homilies, oz other di-
uine seruite in the church on holy daies.

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was hang'd at St Thomas à Watering in London,
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It was bought out of the Earl of Oxford's Collection.

